



MANUREWA SOUTH SCHOOL

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A word from the Principal

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Kia Ora, Talofa, Malo e Lelei, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Greetings... Welcome back to the new term. As you know we are now at Alert Level 1 and it is expected that we have all our children back at school learning. We will continue to adhere to the Covid19 expectations of maintaining good hygiene while at school. After the year that we have had so far we are really wanting to get our children back into some form of normality so that they can end the school year on a positive. As you know Term 4 is always a busy time for us. Our Year 6 children are prepping for Intermediate, there are a number of school events happening eg: Colour Fun Run, interschool sports, prizegiving etc and on top of this we have our End of Year assessments so it will be a crazy busy term but together we know we can make it a great one. Take care, stay safe!

Tone Kolose

Principal

"Ma Te Wero - Ka puawai te Hua - By Challenging ourselves you will Blossom in Education"

8 things you need to know about Alert Level 1

- 1. Schools are open and must operate safely.** At Alert Level 1 the virus is contained in New Zealand but not overseas. We need to have systems and practices in place in case COVID-19 reappears in our community.
- 2. There are no restrictions on personal movement at Alert Level 1 – all children and staff should be at school.**
 - The only people who will need to stay away are:
 - those required to self-isolate
 - individuals who have been asked to stay away while waiting for a test result
 - children, students and staff who are unwell.
- 3. Schools will close for cleaning and contact tracing if there is a confirmed case who was infectious when at school.** Your Director of Education will work closely with you and health authorities should this occur. Please contact your Ministry regional office if you hear of a confirmed case in your school community but haven't been advised about it by health officials.
- 4. You must continue to support contact tracing through the display of QR Code posters and your visitor register, attendance register and timetable.** If a new case does appear in your community, your contact tracing processes will support the speedy identification of close contacts of the confirmed case. Please encourage your community to check-in using the NZ COVID Tracer app including when they are doing pick ups and drop offs.
- 5. There are no restrictions on numbers at gatherings.** Schools, like workplaces are not considered to be gatherings. Physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events can go ahead.
- 6. Fundamental public health measures continue to apply:**
 - Hand hygiene
 - Cough and sneeze etiquette
 - Regularly cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces.
- 7. Face coverings continue not to be required when in school.** This includes school transport and charter buses hired by the school to transport students and staff to and from school. Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering in any setting should be supported to do so.
- 8. Our Ministry regional office team is available to provide support.** Please contact them.

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of age, gender identity, ability, cultural background etc.

On Pink Shirt Day we ask Aotearoa to **Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!**



What does 'Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying' mean?

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu – Speak Up

'**Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu**' means to speak up and speak out in reference to bullying. '**Speak Up**' refers to having conversations with your friends, whānau, children, kaiako/teachers, taira/students and wider communities to come up with ideas and strategies to address bullying. 'Speak Up' is also about asking for help when you need it. This can be scary, and sometimes the first person you ask can't or won't do anything to help you. Keep asking. Pink Shirt Day shows there are many people who care about supporting you.

Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Stand Together

'**Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora**' means to stand together in life and wellness. '**Stand Together**' refers to how bullying behaviour is influenced by the actions and values of friends, whānau, schools, kura, workplaces and whole communities. Real change happens when we Stand Together, sending a strong message that there is no place for bullying in Aotearoa. Bullying often makes people feel alone, but Pink Shirt Day shows that many people care. Many people want to play their part in making Aotearoa a safe, welcoming and respectful place for everyone, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or cultural background.

Stop Bullying

On Pink Shirt Day, look out on the sea of pink and know that together we can **Stop Bullying!**

Pink Shirt Mufti Day

To celebrate "Pink Shirt Day" we will be holding a "Pink Shirt Mufti Day" this **Friday 16th October**. We would like to see as many of our children wearing pink on this day. This could be a pink t-shirt, tights, pants, lava lava, pink hair ties/headbands, pink shoes any thing **PINK!!** The cost of this mufti day will be **gold coin** donation.

Over the week teachers will be talking about and doing some activities related to Pink Shirt Day. During the lunch break on Friday our school leaders will be running a whole lot of Pink Day activities for our children to take part in. These activities will be based around stamping out bullying. Money raised will go towards Pink Shirt Day Organisation which is used to support schools, work places with resources, information and activities. Please support this wonderful cause!

Property - New Building Block

Manurewa South will be undergoing a major property transformation over the next 12 months. The school Board alongside the Ministry of Education have approved a new building block which will house 10 new classrooms. We are really excited about this and are looking forward to getting this up and running as soon as possible. The new building block will be placed over by the senior basketball courts. Prior to this Rooms 3 & 4 will be moved over the next school holidays making way for the start of the new building block. We will keep you updated as we progress with this property work. Watch this space!!

Teacher Only Day Tuesday 27th October - Digikete Conference

Our staff will be involved in a Teacher Only Day on **Tuesday 27th October** at Clendon Park School. The Digikete Conference will be an opportunity for staff to dive into the Digital Curriculum with a 'hands on' approach. The day will see staff using the latest digital devices, working with news apps, building robotics etc. Four other schools will also be taking part in this conference (Clendon Park, Jean Batten School, Sir Douglas Bader Intermediate and Finlayson Park). This is the first time that a conference like this has been planned, organised and run by staff for staff. Please know school will be closed for instruction on this day and reopen Wednesday 28th October.

Sausage Sizzle Fridays are Back!!



Sausage Sizzle Fridays will start next **Friday 23rd October**.

Sausage sizzles will be **\$2.00**, Juicies (**\$1**), and drinks - Fizzy (**\$1**). Orders can be made in the morning on Friday at the office.

Children will receive their orders during lunchtime on Friday. Monies raised goes towards supporting our Year 6 overnight camp in December.

SPORTS NEWS

Interschool Sports

The following interschool sports will take place this term:

Touch - Wednesday 21st October

Softball - Tuesday 3rd November

Athletics - Tuesday 24th November

Any children involved in these sports will bring home a notice in regards to this.

Saturday Softball

This year we are looking to have two teams involved in Saturday softball. We are fortunate to have both coaches Miss Walker & Mr Paeniu coach our Saturday teams. Soon they will be starting training for this. If your child is keen to play Saturday softball at Mountfort Park please let them know

COLOUR Fun Run

Our school Colour Fun Run that was set for last term had to be postponed, however we have come up with an alternative date for this. The new date will be **Friday 30th October**. The cost of this event will be **\$2 per child**. This money will go towards supporting our senior school camp in December.



Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!!

At Manurewa South we closely monitor students' attendance. Children who are absent from school unexplained for an extended time may be taken off the school roll. If your child/ren are going overseas or cannot attend school for an extended period of time, please call the office and let the school know. Please also remember to call the school if your child is sick or absent for any other reason. Remember that "Everyday Counts!"

Lateness All children who arrive at school AFTER 8:45am, must come through the office to sign in, before going to class. We encourage all students to arrive at school on time to put away bags and prepare for the day ahead. Children can come into school anytime from 8.20am onwards. Lateness is recorded in our attendance records and if this becomes an issue it will be followed up by the truancy service.

Travelwise - Road Safety Rules

We continue to experience problems with drivers stopping in the wrong place to drop off/pick up passengers/and or back out of driveways on Tawa Cres during peak times for our school and put the safety of children at risk. There have been parking attendants that have been patrolling outside the school and they will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally. The agreed approach is '**zero tolerance**' - there will be no warnings issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway - or for any other vehicle safety offence. Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid getting a parking ticket.

Staff car parking - There has been an increase in the number of parents stopping in front of the gate to drop off or collect their children and use the front gate areas as a turning point. The congestion this creates is a hazard and safety issue waiting for an accident to happen.



Please do the right thing and **keep all of our children safe**. DO NOT stop or park in front of the gate to drop or collect your children. DO NOT use this area as a turning point. Find a safe area to turn your vehicle around. Please DO NOT call your children to run across the road to your vehicle, encourage your children to use the pedestrian crossing.

Contact Phone and Email Updates

A big, big thank you to those parents who gave us their updated contact details (phone/mobiles/email addresses) during our parent conferences. Because of this we were able to make contact with parents to engage children with online learning easily. If your contact details have changed please email the school on: deanng@manurewasouth.school.nz or phone the office to let them know your current contact details. This is really important because we need to keep in contact with parents/caregivers for various reasons.



School Enrolments Scheme

A number of schools in the Manurewa area have been working alongside the Ministry of Education in regards to setting up a new school enrolment scheme. This means that the school will look to have in place a 'zone' from Term 2 2021.

Over the next few weeks the Board will be consulting with the community about the proposed enrolment scheme. Information will be sent out soon so that parents/caregivers can see what this proposed scheme looks like and can also give the Board feedback too. When this information is sent please make sure that you read it and send us any feedback!

Key Dates to Remember

Term 4 Starts	Monday 12th October
Pink Shirt Muffi Day	Friday 16th October
2020 Election	Saturday 17th October (School will be a Polling Booth)
Manurewa Int Open Day	Wednesday 21st October
MPSSA Interschool Touch	Wednesday 21st October
Labour Day	Monday 26th October (school closed for instruction)
Teacher Only Day	Tuesday 27th October (school closed for instruction)
Colour Fun Run	Friday 30th October (1pm start)
Freaky Friday Disco	Friday 6th November
School Athletics Day	Friday 20th November